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In re Application of :  
Ainsworth et al. :  
Application No. 09/143503 :  
Filing or 371(c) Date: 08/28/1998 :  
Title of Invention: :  
INTRALUMINAL CATHETER WITH :  
HIGH STRENGTH PROXIMAL SHAFT :

DECISION GRANTING  
PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to a "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a)," filed December 17, 2008, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the reissue application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This reissue application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Tai C. Cheng, refuses to join in the reissue application or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this reissue application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The reissue application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3763 for continued examination in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Dear Mr. Cheng:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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